

Local arts agencies advance the arts and cultural development through services and programs that reflect the diversity of towns and cities and their residents all across America. Local arts agencies use the arts to impact upon economic development, initiate community revitalization, address social issues, enhance children's education, and showcase the cultural diversity of community residents. Through arts programs in partnership with human and social service groups, they address many of today's most challenging issues such as crime, racism, homelessness, and at-risk youth. Local arts agencies also support the arts in education through artist residency programs and curriculum design emphasizing the arts. In communities across the country, local arts agencies award grants to arts organizations and artists, and further support their work through an array of programs and services, such as workshops on administrative topics, fundraising, and management assistance. They also operate facilities, such as performance spaces, museums and galleries, or arts incubators, which provide emerging arts organizations with office space, equipment, and technical assistance. In many parts of America, local arts agencies serve as the sole providers of the arts for their communities, touching the lives of the youngest to the oldest citizens.



**Children in Towanda, Pennsylvania enjoy performances in the improved Keystone Theatre thanks to Bradford County Regional Arts Council.**

The Local Incentive Category awarded funds to local arts agencies for implementing the recommendations that emerged during a community cultural planning process, involving representatives from business, education, government, and the community, as well as artists and arts organization members. Through this process, awareness of the value of the arts to the community is cultivated and strengthened. Grants in this category support arts projects in communities large and small across the country.

The City of Oakland, California's Cultural Arts Division received \$150,000 to activate a comprehensive artist residency and special projects program that will stimulate the arts at the neighborhood level. Through this project, over 200 artists will offer 2,000 hours of cultural services in branch libraries, community centers, senior centers, parks, and public spaces. In this way, the City of Oakland will engage artists who reflect and represent the diverse cultural and artistic expressions of the community.

The Local Arts Agency Development Category awarded funds to encourage broad-based community-wide involvement in the arts through planning to strengthen funding, programs, and services for arts organizations and artists, and to improve the quality and calibre of local arts agency management through leadership and training programs. Funding was available through Planning grants, Stabilization grants, and Leadership Training and Services to the Field grants.

The Rockford Area Arts Council in Illinois received a Stabilization grant for \$20,980 to support its youth arts apprenticeship program. Through this project, six professional local artists will teach and mentor 48 youngsters from low-income families in an eight-week summer program at Arts Place, a building located in a severely depressed area of downtown Rockford. The Arts Council will use the program to help address the city's crime, violence and self-image problems by matching children with artists who work sensitively and successfully with at-risk youth.

The Arts Foundation of Michigan received a grant of \$13,000 to support a state-wide arts network on ArtsWire, an on-line arts conference. This network will link Michigan's local arts agencies to statewide arts service groups and culturally diverse arts organizations. Funding will provide the tools to strengthen local arts agencies' ability to plan strategically, to develop increased financial support, and to enhance arts visibility and community involvement.

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**Creating a mural  
as part of the City  
of El Paso's Art  
Afterhours program.**

## Local Incentive Grants

Grants were awarded to local arts agencies to initiative two- to three-year programs designed to strengthen the arts within their communities.

14 awards                      \$1,144,000

### Arts Partnership of Greater Spartanburg

Spartanburg, SC            \$100,000

To implement a new cultural plan designed to unify and enrich the community by building cultural resources and providing an increased, stable base of financial support for the arts.

### Bowling Green Warren County Arts Commission

Bowling Green, KY        \$29,000

To support the Technical Assistance Program and the Youth Arts Initiative designed to address the needs of artists, arts organizations, educators, and youth in South Central Kentucky.

### Carnegie Hall

Lewisburg, WV            \$75,000

To support the restoration of Carnegie Hall by the local arts agency in Lewisburg.

### Chemung Valley Arts Council

Corning, NY                \$60,000

To support a new funding program for the Southern Finger Lakes Region of New York State.

### Chenango County Council of the Arts

Norwich, NY                \$60,000

To support the renovation of an auditorium in the historic West Main Street School.

### City of Austin

Austin, TX                    \$75,000

To implement a mentor program for local artists and arts organizations.

### City of El Paso

El Paso, TX                    \$50,000

To support the Arts Afterhours Program, designed to place local artists in extended residencies, and to offer arts classes for youth in schools, housing communities, and community centers.

### City of Gainesville

Gainesville, FL            \$100,000

To support the implementation of a cultural tourism program in Gainesville and in Alachua County, Florida.

### City of Oakland

Oakland, CA                \$150,000

To support the implementation of a comprehensive community artist residency and special projects program designed to support and stimulate the arts at the neighborhood level.

### City of San Diego

San Diego, CA              \$100,000

To support the implementation of "Project Advance!" designed to assist small and mid-sized arts organizations with institutional stability and advancement.

### Fulton County Arts Council

Atlanta, GA                \$100,000

To implement three initiatives outlined in the Arts Council's community cultural plan.

### Memphis Arts Council

Memphis, TN                \$120,000

To support the Memphis Arts Council, in partnership with the Foote and Cleaborn Homes Tenant Associations and a consortium of arts groups, corporations, schools, community organizations, and churches.

### Pinellas County Arts Council

Clearwater, FL            \$50,000

To support funding for both the newly-established Cultural Development Grants Program for arts organizations and the Individual Artists Grants Program.

### United Arts Council of Raleigh and Wake County

Raleigh, NC                \$75,000

To support the implementation of the United Arts Council's Strategic and Arts Education Plans and the Cultural Resources Component of the Wake County Comprehensive Plan.

## Local Arts Agency Development

### Leadership Training & Services

Grants were awarded to local, statewide, regional and national organizations for training programs and services.

6 grants                      \$85,500

4 cooperative agreements            \$583,192

### Arts Council of Oklahoma City

Oklahoma City, OK        \$10,000

To support administrative expenses for the Arts Council of Oklahoma City.

### Arts Foundation of Michigan

Detroit, MI                \$13,000

To support a statewide arts network on Arts Wire.

### Associated Writing Programs

Norfolk, VA                \$300,522

A cooperative agreement to support Writers Corps, a project which placed 60 writers in inner-city neighborhoods in San Francisco, Washington, DC, and The Bronx to work with children and adults in literacy programs, writing workshops, and literary arts activities.

### Association of Community Arts Agencies of Kansas

Salina, KS                    \$10,000

To support an extensive leadership training program for local arts agencies throughout the state.

### Florida State University

Tallahassee, FL            \$20,000

To support an extensive technical assistance program for Florida's local arts agencies.

### National Assembly of Local Arts Agencies

Washington, DC            \$1,100

To amend a 1994 cooperative agreement.

### National Assembly of Local Arts Agencies

Washington, DC            \$280,980

A cooperative agreement to provide services to the Local Arts Agency field to strengthen the quality of community arts programming.

### National Assembly of State Arts Agencies

Washington, DC            \$590

To amend a 1994 cooperative agreement.

### North Carolina School of the Arts

Winston-Salem, NC        \$12,500

To support the A+ Program of Arts Education for North Carolina schools and local arts agencies.

### University of Massachusetts

Amherst, MA                \$20,000

To support the Community Arts Partnership Training Institute.

## Planning/Stabilization Grants

Grants were awarded for the development of agency plans, community cultural plans, outreach, and new programs.

24 awards                      \$540,000

### Arts Council of Fort Worth and Tarrant County

Fort Worth, TX            \$40,000

To support the expansion of Fort Worth's neighborhood arts program.

**Arts Council of Winston-Salem & Forsyth County**  
Winston-Salem, NC     \$21,000  
To support the development of a community cultural plan.

**Arts for Greater Rochester**  
Rochester, NY     \$40,000  
To support "Arts in the Community," a project designed to reach at-risk African American youth.

**Bradford County Regional Arts Council**  
Towanda, PA     \$25,000  
To support the council in its efforts to improve the Keystone Theatre facility.

**City of San Antonio**  
San Antonio, TX     \$27,000  
To support a comprehensive arts in education plan.

**City of San Jose**  
San Jose, CA     \$35,000  
To support a comprehensive technical assistance and support services program for the advancement of multicultural arts organizations.

**City of Spokane**  
Spokane, WA     \$11,600  
To support a community cultural plan.

**COMPAS, Inc.**  
St. Paul, MN     \$35,000  
To support the expansion of technical assistance services.

**Greater Hartford Arts Council**  
Hartford, CT     \$26,500  
To support a neighborhood cultural planning project for the City of Hartford.

**Kaw Valley Arts & Humanities**  
Kansas City, KS     \$17,000  
To support implementation of several components of the arts council's cultural plan.

**Lane Arts Council**  
Eugene, OR     \$9,500  
To support implementation of the Council's community cultural plan.

**Maine Arts Commission**  
Augusta, ME     \$11,200  
To support cultural planning efforts in the town of Lewiston and in Hancock County.

**Metropolitan Nashville Arts Commission**  
Nashville, TN     \$14,900  
To support the arts component of the City of Nashville's comprehensive community-wide plan.

**Mono County Arts Council**  
Mammoth Lakes, CA     \$13,700  
To support a public art project for the Council.

**Northampton Arts Council**  
Northampton, MA     \$25,200  
To support the continued expansion of programming for the Council.

**Public Corporation for the Arts**  
Long Beach, CA     \$17,000  
To support the establishment of a comprehensive technical assistance program to advance the professional development of artists and arts organizations in Long Beach.

**Queens Council on the Arts, Inc.**  
Woodhaven, NY     \$15,000  
To support the organizational stabilization efforts of the Council.

**Rapid City Fine Arts Council, Inc.**  
Rapid City, SD     \$17,000  
To support implementation of "Many Voices...Rapid City's Cultural Plan."

**Rockford Area Arts Council**  
Rockford, IL     \$21,000  
To support a youth arts apprenticeship program for Rockford.

**Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission**  
Sacramento, CA     \$35,000  
To support the Community Arts Partnerships Program.

**Selma and Dallas County Council on the Arts**  
Selma, AL     \$12,000  
To establish a pilot re-granting program for arts organizations.

**South Carolina Arts Alliance**  
Rock Hill, SC     \$17,000  
To support an ongoing technical assistance program designed to help rural arts agencies.

**South Dakotans for the Arts**  
Deadwood, SD     \$40,000  
To support a stabilization project that will increase communication and technical assistance to local arts agencies.

**Spencer Area Arts Council**  
Spencer, IA     \$13,400  
To support a project that will increase the impact of the arts in Spencer, Iowa.